

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MOWER HEAD WITH MOVABLE GUARD**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
Not applicable.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:  
Not applicable.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Not applicable.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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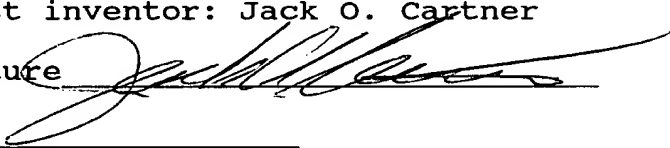
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Jack O. Cartner  
FOR : MOWER HEAD WITH MOVABLE  
GUARD  
SERIAL NO. : Unknown  
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**37 C.F.R. 1.27 STATEMENT OF STATUS  
AS A SMALL ENTITY-INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned Jack O. Cartner declares that he is an independent inventor of the invention described and claimed in the foregoing application; that (1) he has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and (2) he is under no obligation or contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in said invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

The undersigned acknowledges that he has a duty to file a notification of any change in status of this application and any patent(s) issuing therefrom which change results in a loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to, or at the time of paying, the earlier of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which the small entity status is no longer appropriate.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and

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By: 

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